THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The decision to vacate spectrum for cellular operator is made on a case to case basis after ensuring that the Defence requirements are fully met and are not affected adversely.

Permission to IAF Pilots to go on deputation

2599. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow Air Force Pilots to go on deputation in Government run airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what will be the period of deputation indicating whether it will be on a rotational basis;

(d) how many pilots left the Indian Air Force between the period 2002 and 2005 indicating the total strength of pilots/vacancies lying vacant at present; and

(e) whether Government have examined that there would not be any shortage of IAF Pilots after going on deputation to Government Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) and (e) Yes, Sir. The requests received for deputation to various Government organizations including state owned Airlines are considered individually on merits after ensuring that such deputations do not affect the operational preparedness of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

(d) The number of pilots who have proceeded on deputation to various Government organizations during the years 2002-2005 is 143. The authorized strength of pilots in the Indian Air Force is 3269 and the actual current strength is 3015. The number of posts lying vacant at present is 254.

Attack on fellow colleagues by soldiers

2600. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to stress, fatigue, and anxiety, soldiers are turning their guns towards their colleagues;